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# Top 200

*Chief Executive Officers  
of the  
Major Employers in the  
District of Columbia*

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## INTRODUCTION

*In 1984, the Department of Employment Services published the first “Directory of the Chief Executive Officers of the 200 Major Employers in the District of Columbia.” The Directory was updated in 1986, 1989, 1992, 1994, and 1996. Since 1997, the Directory has been published yearly. This 2002 release includes the names of the Chief Executive Officers, the Human Resources Directors, and the telephone numbers of major private sector firms operating in the District of Columbia. The Directory also contains a ranking of the 200 firms according to the size of their work force in the District. The employment levels used for selecting and ranking employers are those reported to the District’s Unemployment Compensation Program, as of September 2001.*

*The Directory is a broad representation of District-based industries including social services, department stores, restaurants, hotels, educational institutions, construction firms, financial institutions, and membership organizations. The industry classifications utilized in the list of Employers and Chief Executives are from the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1987.*

*The Directory represents a snapshot of the District of Columbia’s job market including those firms demonstrating a potential for public and private economic development, as well as employment and training partnerships. We believe that this publication will serve as a tool for planners and administrators in facilitating contact with the District’s top employers.*

*With the 2002 edition, we have included the web addresses for those employers who have web locations. In some instances, we have listed the corporate web site from which you can access the local employer.*



## OVERVIEW

The individual firms in the Directory employ between 250 to over 7,200 persons. Although the Directory contains approximately one percent of all private sector firms in the District, these firms employ over 140,200 individuals or approximately 36 percent of all private sector workers in the District. However, employment among the 200 individual firms declines rather rapidly. For example, if the 200 firms are divided into quarters, average employment of the first fifty firms would be 1,985 employees; for the second fifty, 575 employees; for the third fifty, 376 employees; and the fourth fifty, 288 employees.

Within the top 200 firms, universities and colleges are the largest group with 22,700 workers, or 18 percent of the 140,200 workers. Hospitals are second with approximately 18,700, or 16 percent of the total; followed by hotels with 11,000; law firms with 9,200; utility companies with 3,900; restaurants with 3,100; and banks with 1,500 workers.

